MEMORANDUM PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Adult System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: April 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Mental Health Triage Grant Program and Contract Amendment with Advocates for

Mentally III Housing

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a revenue agreement for the Mental Health Triage Grant Program from April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 for \$2,509,346 with the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and take the following actions necessary for its implementation:

- a. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and scope of work.:
- b. Approve the attached budget revision in the amount of \$489,380 to appropriate funding for this grant and additional expenditures to the Department's FY 2013-14 Budget; and
- c. Approve contract amendment CN013204-D to increase the total contract amount \$20,000 (no net County cost) for a revised contract total of \$314,800 with Advocates for Mentally III Housing to provide Peer Support Staff for this grant program from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting amendment and subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the current agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND:

Placer County has experienced a growing number of persons in need of mental health crisis services. Individuals are served primarily after hours and have shown an increasing need for hospitalization as part of the resolution to their crisis. This has impacted the current capacity for hospitalization and resulted in this Board increasing contracts with local hospitals at a cost of \$500,000. In an effort to find alternatives to hospitalization that would be better for clients and more cost effective for the County, Placer County applied for and was awarded a grant from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for \$2,509,346. This grant is part of the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, Mental Health Triage Grant Program. It will begin when approved and will have an impact on reducing hospitalizations by providing effective alternative services.

Placer County Health and Human Services worked with local law enforcement, hospitals and community-based organizations in the development of this grant. It is supported by the consumers of Placer County who believe that alternatives to hospitalization are a benefit to those persons receiving services. This grant will allow the Adult System of Care to hire three Client Service Practitioners and to contract to hire seven Peer Support staff to respond between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. to those persons experiencing a psychiatric crisis. This work will augment the existing crisis support, and it is designed to provide time for more extensive interventions in an effort to find solutions as an alternative to hospitalization when possible.

In an effort to expedite the development of alternatives to costly hospitalization, Placer County requests to amend the existing contract with Advocates for Mentally III Housing for Peer Counselors. This existing contract has this service in place and will provide temporary services. The contract can be amended

with the use of State funds. The current Mental Health Services Act request for proposal will allow the selection of an on-going provider for this service.

This grant has a goal of reducing hospitalization from 50 percent to 30 percent of those assessed by the end of the grant term. This will provide persons with alternatives to hospitalization, increase the role of peer supports in crisis service and potentially save dollars by reducing the number of persons hospitalized.

The budget amendment identifies the total grant award and adds the first year grant revenue and expenditures into the current fiscal year. Funds not expended in this first year are not expected to be available in the next fiscal year.

The Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board approved this contract amendment at its March 24, 2014 board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant and the AMIH contract are funded 100 percent with State dollars. The budget amendment increases expenditures by \$489,380 and grant funding of \$402,798 with additional state and federal funding of \$86,582 in the current FY 13-14. Expenditures for the following three years total \$2,685,553 and will be included in the Department's requested budgets. These expenditures will be funding with \$2,106,548 state grant funding and federal and state mental health funding totaling \$579,005. No Cjounty General Fund is required.

These agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

Total \$ Amount 978,760.07 TOTAL

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